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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

The following action is in response to communications filed for application 10/083,085 on February 5, 2004.

As noted on the previous communications from the USPTO, applicant failed to pay the proper time extension fees to have said RCE entered. On January 5, 2004, applicant was credited with paying for the RCE fee (which is the cashed check applicant provided a copy of in the most recent communications). It can be shown, however, that the appropriate extension fees were not paid. The original request for the RCE was filed before the 3 month deadline after the Final Rejection, however the fee (without any instruction or request to enter the prior amendment after final) was received after the 3 month deadline. After said 3 month date, appropriate extension fees were needed to officially enter any new action. Multiple attempts to contact the applicant about this subject matter at the only telephone number on file have failed.

Applicant must pay the appropriate extension fees, and since the 6 month date has passed (February 20, 2004), applicant may want to consider additional fees that may keep this case from abandonment (i.e. Notice of Appeal fee).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roger L Pang whose telephone number is 703-305-0445. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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